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In re Patent Application of)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant(s) bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action in the above-referenced application. As such, no certification or fee is required. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

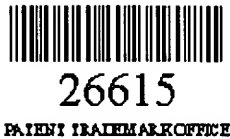
Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

If any copending application(s) is/are cited on the attached PTO 1449, the Examiner's attention is directed to the foregoing application(s) in compliance with § 2001.06(b) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. By identifying the copending application(s), the assignee and/or applicant of the application(s) do not waive confidentiality of the application(s). Accordingly, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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